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### ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMMING

With the blessings of then-President Robert M. Gavin, Jr. and Provost Daniel J. Hornbach, International Studies and Programming (ISP) came into being in the spring of 1994. The essential purpose of the office is to coordinate most of Macalester's existing activities on internationalism, as well as imagine new initiatives. ISP includes the following main units: the International Studies major, the three area studies programs (Russian, Central and East European; Latin American; and East Asian), the International Center (including both study-abroad and international-students responsibility), the International Research Center, the annual Macalester International Roundtable, *Macalester International*, Visiting International Faculty, International Faculty Development, the Advisory Committee on International Studies and Internationalism (ACISI), and the student-run Model United Nations club.

### FROM THE DEAN

*With this report, we welcome three new staff members: Margaret Beegle, Aaron Colhapp, and Katherine Yngve. Margaret, as the new ISP Department Coordinator, replaces Mary Franco who, after four years of magnificent dedication, has moved on to other interests. Aaron is our new International Student Program Coordinator and Katherine has assumed the responsibilities for study abroad advising and coordination. All three bring to us experience and discerning intelligence. On the faculty side, we bid farewell to Professor Danilo Antón (Uruguay), whose one year appointment as a visiting international faculty added much variety to our international and Latin American courses.*

*In 1998-99, nineteen majors graduated in International Studies. We are very proud of this cohort of achieving students. A few examples of their post-Macalester direction are registered in this report.*

*Lastly, we have decided on the theme of the third Faculty Development International Seminar. It is "Transformation and Multiculturalism in the New Millennium: South Africa." Sixteen participants, spread around all divisions of the College, are getting ready; the dates are January 3-24, 2000; and the main sites are the cities of Pretoria and Cape Town. Michael Monahan, the seminar coordinator, the Advisory Committee on International Studies and Internationalism, and I are elated over both the intense interest of our colleagues and the promise of a most challenging intellectual and cross-cultural exploration.*

Dr. Ahmed I. Samatar  
James Wallace Professor

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## CURRICULUM AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- David Chioni Moore's **Postcolonial Theory** course, Intl 62, has been approved as a regular offering and will be cross-listed with political science.
- **The Internationalism Award Committee**, convened by the International Center's International Student Program Coordinator, and including faculty, staff, and students, examined the files of students nominated for the 1999 Internationalism Award. This honor goes to a graduating senior who has demonstrated academic merit and a commitment to promoting international understanding and cooperation. The 1999 award is shared by two outstanding students: **Kyriaki Papageorgiou** and **Richard Cawood**.
- The International Center and the Macalester International Organization (MIO) collaboratively designed and implemented this year's **International Week** on the theme of *World Racism*.  
  
This consisted of a four-day program in which students and faculty engaged in sessions focusing on issues of race and racism in sub-Saharan Africa, China, Europe, Latin America, and the United States. The week culminated with a keynote address by Dr. Benjamin Bowser, Professor of Sociology, California State University at Hayward, and the International Week dinner during which the Internationalism Award was presented. More than 750 members of the Macalester College community attended the six activities of the week.
- The Macalester Dean of Students Office recognized the **Macalester International Organization (MIO)** this year with its Education Award, given annually to the student organization that conducts the best educational programs. The MIO was integral to the design and coordination of the International Week as well as offering

presentations and discussion sessions on such topics as the war in Kosovo and the European Union.

- Macalester's **Model United Nations** delegation participated in a conference in San Francisco this spring.
- **Miriam Gottlieb**, '98, has begun service with the Peace Corps in Senegal.
- **Ariana Grebe**, '98, is now resident coordinator of the Project Minnesota/Leon program in Leon, Nicaragua.
- **Wendy Guyot**, '97, continues to serve with the Peace Corps in Siberia.
- **Erin Kimball**, '00, who studied in Kenya during the spring, won a Keck Student-Faculty Collaborative Research grant. She will work with Ahmed Samatar on the project, "Rethinking the State in Africa." Kimball is in South Africa this summer attending a workshop as well as collecting data and documents for her honors thesis.
- **Lailee Moghtader**, '96, will attend the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.
- **Sara Nimis**, '98, is an associate with the Foundation for Middle East Peace in Washington, D.C.
- **Fernando Oliveira**, '99, has accepted a job as a business analyst for Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. Located in Boston, this is the largest and oldest private bank in the U.S., having been founded in 1818. Oliveira will utilize his international studies skills as he works to improve the products and services offered by the bank in over eighty markets around the world.
- **Nicole Palasz**, '96, will attend the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.
- **Kyriaki (Kiki) Papageorgiou**, '99, spoke on "Reimagining Identity in an Integrated Europe: Catalonia, Brittany, and 'Padania'" at the Spradley



Society Coffee Talk in April. She will enter the Ph.D. program in Anthropology at the University of California-Irvine this fall.

- **Christopher Reksten**, '99, will be studying the political economy of transition in Europe as the focus of a Master's degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
- **Angelos Sepos**, '99, begins working toward an M.Phil. (Masters) in European Studies at the University of Cambridge (England) in October, 1999. He intends to focus on the effects of the European Union on multi-ethnic states such as Cyprus.
- **Bandita Sigipati**, '98, is in the midst of her Master's degree program at Columbia University.
- **Eric Tollefson**, '99, wrote and successfully defended his honors thesis, titled "Central Europe in Transition: Social Costs and Civil Society in the Czech Republic and Poland."
- **George S. Yiangou**, '97, has finished his Master's at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is currently pursuing a doctorate at Darwin College, Cambridge University.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

- **Danilo Antón**, Visiting International Faculty from Uruguay, spent an active academic year at Macalester. During the fall semester, he taught a course on Global Cities and one on Identity and Culture in Latin America. Spring semester, he taught classes on Urbanization and Development, Drought in a Water World, and Nature and Farming in Latin America. At the Coloquio Internacional del Agua, Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo in Zamora, Mexico, Prof. Antón delivered a paper focused on "Quenching Planetary Thirst." In addition, he spoke about his research at several locations around the Twin Cities on the derivation of the name "America."

Finally, he gave a lecture about the Greenhouse Effect on April 20, at Macalester.

- **Roy Kay**, English Department, taught Intl 11, Introduction to International Studies: Literature and Global Culture, during spring semester.
- The course Comparative Economic Systems was cross-listed by **Gary Krueger**, Economics Department, during spring semester.
- **Teresita Martínez-Vergne**, Coordinator of Latin American Studies, authored a new book, *Shaping the Discourse on Space: Charity and its Wards in Nineteenth-Century San Juan, Puerto Rico* (University of Texas Press). In addition, she presented her research on the position of working class women in the discourse on progress in turn-of-the-century Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, at the 30th annual conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians in Paramaribo, Suriname. During the spring of 1999, she taught in the History Department at Colgate University as NEH Associate Professor of the Humanities.
- Visiting International Faculty member from Japan **Masao Maruyama** taught Chemistry 37 in the fall and Chemistry 38 in the spring, including the attendant labs. He gave a presentation on College Education in Japan for the Macalester community in February 1999. Further, he taught several students scientific glassblowing in an informal class during the month of January.
- This year, **Michael Monahan**, director of the International Center, was named Associate Editor of *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad*. His article, "The Amazon: Study Abroad and the Environmental Imagination," was published in the *Phi Beta Delta International Review: Journal of the Honor Society for International Scholars*.
- **David Chioni Moore**, International Studies and English, resided in New Haven, Connecticut, all year on his junior sabbatical, supported by NEH,



ACLS, IREX, Minnesota Humanities Commission, and Yale Beinecke Library grants. During this time he worked toward the completion of four books: *Black Athena Writes Back* and *Debating Black Athena*, both co-edited with Martin Bernal of Cornell University and forthcoming from Duke University Press; *Terralingua*, his revised dissertation on world literature, currently under review; and *A Negro Looks at Soviet Central Asia*, a new edition of a book published by Langston Hughes in Moscow in 1934.

David Moore also completed several scholarly articles and reviews, and gave invited talks on diverse subjects at UCLA, the University of Minnesota, Wellesley College, Harvard's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African American Studies, Harvard's Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, the Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies, the Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages (both in Uzbekistan), and at the African Literature Association conference in Fès, Morocco. In February, he presented a talk at Macalester titled "On the Trail of Langston Hughes in Soviet Central Asia, 1933," a slide lecture with images both of Hughes in Central Asia and of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan today.

- **Ahmed Samatar** published "The Antinomies of Internationalism" in *Peer Review*, Journal of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, Vol. I, No. 2 (1999). He will be serving on the International Advisory Board of *International Studies Review* for 1999–2004. The journal is based at Brown University. He has also been serving on the Board of Directors of the Center for Victims of Torture, based in Minneapolis. Prof. Samatar has delivered a number of presentations during this academic year. In June of 1998, he discussed "Academic Achievement and Self-Empowerment" at the St. Paul Companies. In November, he spoke on "Islam and Globalization" at the House of Hope in St. Paul. In January, 1999, he lectured on "Somalia: Statelessness as

Homelessness" before the Human Sciences Research Council in Pretoria, South Africa. In February, Dr. Samatar presented "Return to the Source: Self-Knowledge and International Studies" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Washington, D.C. "The Relevance of W.E.B. Du Bois" was the subject of his talk upon the 95th Anniversary of Du Bois' seminal work. This lecture was delivered at Macalester College in March.

- Two new courses in International Studies were taught by **Brett Smith** this past academic year. He taught Globalization and the Environment during the fall semester and Sustainable Development and the Global Future during the spring. He also assisted several students with independent study projects and internships. Additionally, Prof. Smith taught a course in the Political Science Department about U.S. Environmental Policy and Politics. Throughout the academic year, he participated in a faculty seminar on environmental studies. He spoke before the World Press Institute visiting journalists last summer, giving an overview of U.S. environmental activities, and at a screening of Michael Moore's film "The Big One" in the spring. Prof. Smith serves on the Sierra Club's Sustainable Planet Strategy Team as well as on the Minnesota Chapter's Executive Committee and as Chair of its International Committee.

- Russian and German Studies teacher **James von Geldern** was promoted to full professor. He taught the Senior Seminar on Culture and Revolution for International Studies during fall semester.

- **Katherine Yngve** will be chairing a SECUSSA subcommittee on "Technology and Education Abroad." It will report on Y2K and other technology issues as they relate to study abroad. Ms. Yngve chaired a workshop on "The Internet and Education Abroad" and attended several



workshops at the national NAFSA conference in Denver. A two-day study abroad institute provided by Butler University in January gave her an opportunity to learn from other professionals and become much more familiar with universities in Australia, New Zealand, Chile, and Argentina. In April, Ms. Yngve led the Minnesota Study Abroad Professional's monthly meeting with a session on "The Internet and Study Abroad Advising" at MSU-Mankato, including an on-line workshop in the Mankato computer lab.

• **Igor Zevelev**, a Visiting International Faculty member, completed his book, *The Russian Question into the Twenty First Century: Russia and the New Russian Diasporas* (U.S. Institute of Peace Press). He co-edited with Sharyl Cross a book entitled *Global Security Beyond the Millennium: American and Russian Perspectives* (London: Macmillan Press, 1999) in which he authored the article "The Russian Quest for a New Identity: Implications for Security in Eurasia." He also published the article "Russian Foreign Policy and Strategic Interests in the Caspian Region" in *The Geopolitics of Oil, Gas, and Ecology in the Caucasus and Caspian Basin* (Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies, Working Paper Series, 1998). In addition, he drafted an article on "The Redefinition of the Russian Nation, International Security, and Stability" for a project funded by the Carnegie Corporation and coordinated by the University of California at Berkeley. Prof. Zevelev also presented a paper about "Domestic Factors of Russian Foreign Policy" at the 30th National Convention of the American Association for Advancement of Slavic Studies at Boca Raton, Florida. Over the past academic year, he delivered several public lectures on campus, spoke before the Minnesota State High School Debate Group, and was interviewed by local newspapers, the TV stations CNN and KARE 11, and KSTP morning radio. Prof. Zevelev taught the course International Human Rights for International Studies this spring.

## COLLEGE-WIDE PROGRAMMING

• The **Latin American Studies Program** hosted a fall film series with the theme "Is that Funny or What? Humor and Revolution in Cuban Film." The films shown were "Guantanamera," "Death of a Bureaucrat," and "Vampires in Havana." Several speakers were brought to campus in conjunction with other departments. Elaine Carey of the University of Detroit-Mercy presented "The Magnum of Democracy: 1968 in Mexico." Esteban Morales from the Center for the Study of the United States at the University of Havana discussed "Cuba and the United States: Perspectives on a Conflict in the Context of Globalization." Frances Negrón-Muntaner of Rutgers University spoke on "The Filmmaker as Historian" and showed part of her documentary-in-progress. The Latin American Studies spring speakers' series was titled "Bringing the 'Other' to U.S. Academic Audiences: Controversies Surrounding the Practice of Latin American Women's Studies." The featured speakers included Donna Guy (History, University of Arizona), Daphne Patai (Comparative Literature, University of Massachusetts), and Aurora Levins-Morales (Women's Studies, University of California at Berkeley). Finally, the Latin American Studies Program wishes to report that its listserv is up and running for the second consecutive year. Subscribers post news from Latin America, announce activities of interest to Latin Americanists in the Twin Cities, and circulate opinion pieces on Latin American and Latino issues.

• **Russian, Central, and East European Area Studies (RCEE)**, along with International Studies, welcomed Professor Ronald Grigor Suny, University of Chicago, who delivered the fall lecture on "The Empire Strikes Out: Russia, the Soviet Union, and Theories of National Empire." In April, RCEE sponsored the fourth annual



ACTC paper competition and conference, with lectures by Visiting Professor Igor Zevelev on “Russian Ethnonationalism and Regional Security” and one by special guest speaker Peter Rutland, Associate Professor of Government at Wesleyan University, about “The IMF Transition Model and the Reality of Russian Reform.” Student interest was by far the highest it has been in recent years. In a significant change to the program, as part of an effort to modernize traditional area studies, RCEE deepened its integration with International Studies. The integration has both curricular and administrative components. On the curricular side, several RCEE faculty are now regularly cross-listing courses with the IS program in both the humanities and social sciences. The RCEE and IS programs are also pleased to announce that they were able to retain the very popular Igor Zevelev to teach for another academic year.

- The International Center staff managed the **Macalester College-Miyagi University of Education Faculty Exchange Program**, bringing four Miyagi faculty to Macalester in September of 1998 (from the disciplines of Economics, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, and Music). Three Macalester faculty members went to Japan in January of 1999 (from the fields of Economics, Geography, and Mathematics). Reports on this Faculty Exchange Program are available from the International Center. This year, Macalester also received the news that the exchange has been renewed for three years, with funding from the Japanese Ministry of Education.
- The theme of the **1998 Macalester International Roundtable**, held October 8–10, was *Globalization and Economic Space*. **Keith Griffin**, Department of Economics, University of California at Riverside, delivered the keynote address. There were four discussion sessions led by **Saskia Sassen**, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago; **Thandika Mkandawire**, United Nations Research Institute of Social Development,

Geneva, Switzerland; **Meredith Woo-Cumings**, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University; and **Vladimir Popov**, Graduate School of International Business, Academy of National Economy, Moscow, Russia. Discussants included Macalester faculty and students as well as fellows of the World Press Institute representing Argentina, Ghana, Australia, and Finland. The proceedings of the 1998 Roundtable will be published this summer as Volume 7 of *Macalester International*.

- A number of lectures were sponsored by International Studies and Programming, notably a discussion of the sanctions imposed upon Iraq that featured **Denis J. Halliday**, former U.N. Assistant Secretary General, and **Phyllis Bennis**, a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington as well as the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam. ISP provided support, as well, for a lecture by journalist **Allan Nairn** on “Indonesia and East Timor: An Eyewitness Account.” Also of note, the director of the African Studies Program at the University of Toronto, **Dickson Eyoh**, explored the theme “Re-constructing African Nation-States: The Challenges of Globalization” this spring.
- The **Advisory Committee on International Studies and Internationalism (ACISI)** met regularly to discuss the welfare of ISP. Many thanks are in order to the committee members who read the files of the candidates for the Faculty Development International Seminar and made recommendations to the Faculty Professional Activities Committee. New members of ACISI are Professors James von Geldern (Russian) and Andrew Overman (Classics).



## OTHER ISP NEWS

• The **International Research Center (IRC)** is the primary resource for computing instruction for International Studies students as well as those in the departments of Sociology and Political Science. It is also accessible to students for general computing use. In April 1999, the request was granted to replace the current stock of computers with 12 iMacs and 4 Omnitech PCs, which will be in operation by fall semester. These computer upgrades will provide much more effective interfaces with the World Wide Web and will accommodate a broader selection of statistical software packages. Furthermore, all of the new computers will have CD-ROM drives, ZIP drives, and considerably more memory. **Michael Nelson** will be a manager of the IRC during the 1999-2000 academic year while Director **Terry Boychuk** is on sabbatical leave. Michael Nelson joined Macalester as a technology specialist in the fall of 1998 under the provisions of a three-year Mellon Foundation grant for Transforming Teaching and Learning with Computer Technology. Nelson's area of expertise is computer-based presentation technologies. His office is 411 Carnegie Hall.

• The **International Center (IC)** reports the following statistics on study away and international students. During the academic year 1998-99, 207 students participated in study away, of whom 9 were seniors, 167 were juniors, and 31 were sophomores. An additional 6 students were asked to defer their study away until fall of 1999, and another 59 students participated in January or summer study away. These students participated in 136 study away programs in 48 countries. For the total cohort of 266 participants, the regional breakdown is as follows:

◦ Western Europe (78)	29.3%
◦ Eastern Europe (7)	2.6%
◦ Latin America (57)	21.4%
◦ Africa (28)	10.5%

◦ Asia (21)	7.9%
◦ U.S.A. (30)	11.3%
◦ Middle East (21)	7.9%
◦ Multiple destination programs (8)	3.0%

The top five majors of Macalester study away participants this year were:

- Biology
- International Studies
- History
- Spanish
- Political Science

Enrollment of international students—including foreign students, dual citizens, and permanent residents—reached 279 students from 78 countries (15.6% of the total college enrollment). International students on nonimmigrant visas comprised 11% of the total number of students attending Macalester College (199 out of 1791). The distribution of international students by region of citizenship remained highly diverse, as follows:

◦ Europe	29%
◦ Asia	24%
◦ Latin America/Caribbean	20%
◦ Africa	14%
◦ Middle East	6%
◦ North America	5%
◦ Oceania	1%

The most frequent majors of international students were:

- Economics
- International Studies
- Biology
- Psychology
- Computer Science

At the request of the Dean's Council, the IC undertook an effort to better balance off-campus study enrollments between fall and spring semesters. Fall 1999 enrollments (usually significantly lower than spring enrollments) increased by 45% over the previous fall semester. Spring 2000 enrollments will be known in October of 1999.



## OTHER ISP NEWS (CONTINUED)

The International Center director, **Michael Monahan**, conducted on-site study abroad program evaluations at the Tuebingen Exchange Program, the Macalester German Studies Program, the ACM Czech Republic Program, the Lexia International Program in Budapest, the Budapest Mathematics Program, and three South African programs (CIEE, SIT, and Lexia).

The IC hosted a number of study abroad review meetings with key program representatives. These included sessions with administrators and advisors of the International Institute for the Education of Students (IES), the School for International Training (SIT), Butler University Institute for Study Abroad, Lexia International, Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID), Denmark's International Study program (DIS), the Higher Educational Consortium on Urban Affairs (HECUA), AustraLearn, and Beaver College.

The IC is exploring possibilities for collaboration and consortium-building for study abroad with Swarthmore, Pomona, and Middlebury Colleges. The focus is on an interdisciplinary Environmental Studies program abroad which would include both a strong science component and a significant field study component.

The International Student Mentor Program continued to provide high quality assistance to first-year and transfer international students in the areas of cultural adjustment, College and community orientation, and academic advising. The Mentor Program engaged five pairs of returning students who mentored nearly 150 students.

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